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SUBJECT : REQUEST BY HUNGARIAN RADIO TO INTERVIEW PAO DACHI

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REF: BUDAPEST 1342-C

1. STATE-USIA HAVE NO OBJECTION PAO INTERVIEW.
2. AT DACHI'S DISCRETION, HE MAY WANT TO MENTION FOLLOWING NAMES AND EVENTS:
3. KOSSUTH VISITED USA DEC., 1851 UNTIL JULY, 1852 FOR TOUR AMERICAN CITIES MEETING MANY PROMINENT AMERICANS INCLUDING RALPH WALDO EMERSON AND DANIEL WEBSTER. JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER AND JAMES RUSSEL LOWELL BOTH WROTE POEMS ENTITLED "KOSSUTH" WHICH WERE TRANSLATED INTO HUNGARIAN BY ANTAL RADO.

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4. IN WASHINGTON, KOSSUTH ADDRESSED THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE AS

WELL AS BEING RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

5. KOSSUTH RECEIVED VERY WARM WELCOME ESPECIALLY IN NYC AND IN NEW ENGLAND. ONE HIGHLIGHT WAS HIS VISIT TO CONCORD, MASS., ON MAY 11, 1852, WHEN EMERSON GREETED HIM. ACCORDING TO A CHRONICLER: "UPON ENTERING THE TOWN HALL, HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE AUDIENCE IN THE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC MANNER. CHEER FOLLOWED CHEER, AND IT WAS MINUTES BEFORE THE ORDER OF THE EXERCISES COULD BE PROCEEDED WITH."

6. HORACE GREELEY, STATESMAN, ONE OF LEADING MEN OF LETTERS OF HIS DAY, CHAMPIONED KOSSUTH'S CAUSE. KOSSUTH'S APPEAL TO AMERICAN PEOPLE WAS PRINTED IN GREELEY'S NY TRIBUNE. GREELEY WROTE MOVING TRIBUTE TO KOSSUTH IN AN ESSAY.

7. GREELEY'S ESSAY AND EMERSON'S ADDRESS AS WELL AS MORE DETAILS KOSSUTH'S US TOUR CONTAINED IN SEBESTYEN'S BOOK ON KOSSUTH WHICH MAY BE IN EMBASSY'S LIBRARY. IF NOT, WE COULD, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL QUOTES ETC. ADVISE.

8. AN HUNGARIAN CAVALRY OFFICER, GUYA SAMWALD, WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CAVALRY DEFENSES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

9. WHEN THE HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE 1830S, IT ALSO ESTABLISHED CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PHILADELPHIA PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

10. SANDOR BOLONI FARKAS TOURED US AND RETURNED HUNGARY IN 1832. HE WROTE BOOK ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE.

11. MICHAEL KOVATS, CAVALRY OFFICER, SERVED IN PULASKI LEGION DURING REVOLUTIONARY WAR. KILLED AT BATTLE OF CHARLESTON. DETAILS CONTAINED IN AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HERITAGE, VOLUME 1, NUMBER 2, JULY/AUGUST, 1974.

12. DACHI MAY ALSO WANT TO STRESS THE ENRICHING INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN LIFE OF THE ORDINARY HUNGARIAN IMMIGRANT WHO CAME TO US DURING THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES.

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